

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major reasons for the gap in target and achievement are paucity of funds, delay in placement of order for main plant and equipment, delay in supply of equipment by suppliers, procedural delay in land acquisition, inter-state disputes, problems due to disturbed site conditions at some of the projects, suspension of work due to contract failures and resettlement and rehabilitation problems.

Construction of Major Ports by Foreign Investment

3695. SHRI DAROGA PRASAD SAROJ: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to construct some major ports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details in regard to foreign capital investment for the construction of these ports; and

(d) the names of main foreign companies interested in the construction of major ports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Waiting List for Telephone Connections in M.P. and U.P.

3696. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN:

SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the number of telephone connections allotted in these States during the last three years; and

(c) the time by which the telephone connections are likely to be provided to all the remaining applicants in the waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) The information is given in the attached statement.

(b) The information is given below:

S.No.	Period	Connections provided	
		M.P.	U.P.
1.	1995-96	81716	151336
2.	1996-97	75541	216912
3.	1997-98	102642	313938

(c) The waiting list as on 31-3-1998 in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh is likely to be cleared by 31-3-99 subject to availability of equipment material in time.

Statement

1. Waiting List of Madhya Pradesh Telecom Circle:

S. No.	Name of the Distt.	Waiting List as on 31-3-98
1	2	3
1.	Balaghat	207
2.	Bastar	500
3.	Betul	114
4.	Bhind	1605
5.	Bhopal	3377
6.	Bilaspur	1470
7.	Chhatarpur	678
8.	Chhindwara	0
9.	Damoh	462
10.	Datia	717
11.	Dewas	210
12.	Dhar	213
13.	Durg	4904
14.	Guna	0
15.	Gwalior	3036
16.	Hoshangabad	433
17.	Indore	1286
18.	Jabalpur	2657
19.	Jhabua	0
20.	Khandwa	243
21.	Khargone	683
22.	Mandla	240
23.	Mandsaur	957
24.	Morena	508
25.	Narsinghpur	590
26.	Panna	176
27.	Raigarh	1014
28.	Raipur	1379
29.	Raisen	317
30.	Rajgarh	33